## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of SUGAHARA et al.		)
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For:	A SPIN TRANSISTOR BASED ON THE SPIN- FILTER EFFECT AND A NONVOLATILE MEMORY USING SPIN TRANSISTORS	)))
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims and incorrect claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: